



# Club and Branch News



## WITH THE SECRETARY

### LOOKING BOTH WAYS

At this time of the year we look both backward and forward—backward to pick out the highlights of the Winter Sessions with a view to doing better still when the indoor season comes round again, and forward to the summer with hopes of fine weather and jolly times out of doors. Many Leaders have already written to tell me what they are going to do when summer comes and it is they who will find that their Clubs will not lose ground then, in spite of counter attractions, and will start the activities of the next Winter Sessions with confidence.

In both Clubs and Branches programmes must be arranged that will keep members in touch with each other. There should be no difficulty whatever about this. Interesting short excursions, with outdoor games, and visits to stations and selected positions on lines within easy reach for observations of locomotives and train working will provide a good programme for Branches, and for Clubs with Hornby and Hornby Dublo Railway interest, and there is always something to be done in the Club or Branch room to fill in wet or gloomy days.

### CLUB AND BRANCH PHOTOGRAPHY

Clubs and Branches in which Photographic Sections have been formed will take full advantage of the opportunities that summer brings, and where there is no Photographic Section now is the time to create one. Even here the competitive spirit that has done so much to enliven Club and Branch life can be brought into play by arranging competitions. For instance, when an excursion is made that offers prospects of good pictures, a time should be arranged for members to display prints of photographs they have taken, and small prizes should be awarded to those judged best by the Leader or Chairman, or whoever is regarded as the photographic expert. It is often possible to find a photographer of repute who would be pleased to judge the entries and to make suggestions that would help members to get better results.

### PROPOSED CLUBS

TIPTON—Mr. D. Mobley, 3, Florence Road, Glebe Estate, Tipton, Staffs.

LONG EATON—Mr. J. B. Allen, 24, Carrfield Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.

### PROPOSED BRANCH

LICHFIELD—Mr. J. Simpson, 37, Levetts Fields Lichfield, Staffs.

### CLUB NOTES

BARKER'S BUTTS BOYS SCHOOL (COVENTRY) M.C.—A two-day Exhibition attracted about 1,000 visitors

and Club funds benefited by over £21. There was a splendid display of models and a miniature Railway, and an illuminated sign at the entrance was built by members. Proceeds will be used for increasing the Club's stock of Meccano Parts. Club roll: 40. *Leader:* Mr. F. Batten, Barker's Butts County Secondary School for Boys, Banks Road, Coundon, Coventry.

FALLOW COURT (FINCHLEY) M.C.—This new Club holds meetings weekly. Three groups have been formed in order to foster the competitive spirit, the members of each wearing a distinctive ribbon flash. Models of higher standard are now being built and a Dinky Toys Town is under construction. Club roll: 13. *Leader:* Mr. W. Laming, 88, Fallow Court Avenue, Finchley, London N.12.

HORNSEA M.C.—Meetings continue along the usual lines. In addition to model-building, Talks have been given on "How We Get Our Water," "Italy" and other topics, and Film Shows also have been enjoyed. Club roll: 14. *Secretary:* R. Lancaster, Carlton House, Carlton Avenue, Hornsea.

WHITTINGTON M.C.—Construction has continued of embankments and tunnels for the Club's Hornby Train Layout and a low level station has been planned. Now photography, including practice in developing and printing, has been introduced under the guidance of Mr. F. Haywood, Leader, and a Film Show also has been given. Club roll: 9. *Secretary:* P. W. Sharp, 17, Hill Top Road, Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL M.C.—More new members have been enrolled and attendances at meetings is excellent. In a Model-Building Contest a high proportion of entries of real merit were entered. A Visit has been arranged to a railway shed in the neighbourhood. A new venture is the formation of a Library of magazines of engineering and aeronautical interest. Club roll: 23. *Secretary:* G. S. Miller, "Fairholme," 10, Countess Drive, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 5.

### BRANCH NEWS

STROUD—Operations on the Club's Hornby Train layout have been continued. Further events have included a very lively Debate, in which many modern motions were very keenly discussed. *Secretary:* D. Hargest, 6, Folly Lane Stroud.

HIGH CRAIGIE (PERTH)—Plans have been drawn up for a layout to incorporate new track and rolling stock received by members during the Christmas season. More Hornby-Dublo stock and Dinky Toys have been acquired and useful railway books have been added to the Branch Library. Members make frequent visits to Perth General Station. *Secretary:* J. Duncan, "Dunrae," 41, Evelyn Terrace, Perth.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL (OXFORD)—The chief recent activity has been the completion of a bridge for a gap in the layout. Useful additions have been made to Rolling Stock. Good use is made of the Branch Library. *Secretary:* R. A. Bowen 33 Richmond Road, Oxford.



S. Wood has been Secretary of the Borden Grammar School M.C. since it was revived under Leadership of Mr. J. H. Weekes in November 1948. The Club pursues a fine all-round programme, and a special feature has been made of Talks on Model-building methods, with special reference to particular models such as clocks, cranes and road vehicles.